(b) and (c). Under the current stockyard policy, the responsibility for setting up an managing new stockyards rests with the respective State Governments. Coal Companies will offer coal for despatch to these stockyards in accordance with the sponsorships provided by the State Governments. It is for the State Governments to assess the need for coal stockyards, set them up and sponsor movement of coal.

**Operation Black Board Scheme**

518. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :
SHRI LALIT ORAON :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the funds sanctioned and allocated during the Eighth Plan under the centrally sponsored 'Operation Black Board' programme, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of this centrally sponsored programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make the scheme more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) A statement giving details of funds released to State Govts/UT Admns. under Operation Black Board Scheme during 8th Five Year Plan is enclosed

(b) and (c) The implementation of the programme is reviewed at different levels both in the Govt of India and the State Governments In addition, the programme has been evaluated by external agencies which include National Council for Education Research & Training, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, and G B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad. These evaluations have been carried out in Andhra Pradesh Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu and Uttar Pradesh According to the evaluation reports, the implementation of the Operation Black Board Scheme has been satisfactory However the pace of construction of school buildings and utilisation of teaching learning material in some States needs improvement.

(d) The Government has taken steps to improve effectiveness of the programme which include decentralisation of system of purchase of teaching learning equipment, grant of flexibility to States in selection of appropriate teaching learning materials and special training of primary school teachers to ensure optimum utilisation of teaching learning materials purchased under the scheme.

**STATEMENT**

*Details of the funds released to State Govts/UT Admns. During 8th Plan (As on 12.7.1996) under Operation Black Board Scheme*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| SNo. | State | Funds Released |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 7265.95 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 315.07 |
| 3. | Assam | 6937.14 |
| 4. | Bihar | 11625.62 |
| 5. | Goa | 131.79 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 2928.51 |
| 7. | Haryana | 193.22 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 1689 67 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | 2678.89 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 9176 49 |
| 11. | Kerala | 767 43 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | 1785.27 |
| 13 | Maharashtra | 18701.26 |
| 14 | Manipur | 34.81 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 1699 97 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 82.52 |
| 17. | Nagaland | 5293 22 |
| 18. | Orissa | 9008.29 |
| 19. | Punjab | 541.20 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 6957.73 |
| 21. | Sikkim | - |
| 22 | Tamilnadu | 645 61 |
| 23. | Tripura | 93.45 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 1864.35 |
| 25. | West Bengal | 3241.30 |
| 26 | A&N Islands | - |
| 27 | Chandigarh | - |
| 28 | D&N Haveli | 3.66 |
| 29 | Daman & Diu | - |
| 30 | Delhi | 76 44 |
| 31 | Lakshadweep | - |
| 32 | Pondicherry | 24 90 |

**Use of Computer in Indian Languages**

519. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY . Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the projects being prepared by language institutions for possible use of computer in Indian languages; and

(b) the places where research work is being undertaken on Language, Science and Technical subjects by linguists and computer experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and shall be laids on the Table of the House.

**Coal available with Central India Coal Mines**

520 SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the various grades of coal available with the Central India Coal Mines of tha Western Coal Fields Limited,

(b) the rates thereof,

(c) the grades of coal which are preferred by coal based power plants, and

(d) the availability position of these grades of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) (a) and (b) As per information furnished by Coal India Limited, details of different categories of coal available in Western Coalfields Limited and their present selling price are as under :

| Grade of coal | Present Selling price of ROM coal including levies & taxes (Rs./T) |
|---|---|
| Medium Coking | 785 00 |
| *Non-Coking* | |
| A | 1016 00 (Steam) |
| B | 940 00 |
| C | 855 00 |
| D | 644 00 |
| E | 486 00 |
| F | 405 00 |

(c) Power plants generally consume lower grades of coal suiting to the combustion technology of their boilers

(d) The projected availability of the 'D, 'E' & 'F' grades of coal for the year 1996-97 are as under :

| Grade | Production Programme 1996-97 (M T) |
|---|---|
| D | 13.69 |
| E | 4 54 |
| F | 1.15 |

**Command Area Development Programme**

521. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO
DR KRUPASINDHU BHOI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the features of the Centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme,

(b) the details of irrigation projects taken up under the programme and the estimate of irrigation potential expected to be developed out of them and

(c) the progress achieved under these programmes during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) The Command Area Development Programme was initiated in 1974-75 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective of ensuring efficient utilisation of created irrigation potential for optimum agricultural production from irrigated lands. The activities covered under the CAD Programme are

(1) On-farm development works

(a) Development of field channels and field drains within the command of each outlet

(b) Land levelling, on an outlet command basis

(c) Realignment of field boundaries wherever necessary (where possible consolidation of holdings should also be combined)

(d) Enforcement of a proper system of "Warabandi" and fair distribution of water to individual fields

(e) Supply of all inputs and services including credit, and

(f) Strengthening of extension services

(2) Selection and introduction of suitable cropping patterns

(3) Development of ground water to supplement surface irrigation

(4) Development and maintenance of the main and intermediate drainage system

(5) Modernisation, maintenance and efficient operation of the irrigation system upto the outlet of one cusec capacity

(b) At present, the programme includes 197 projects with Culturable Command Area (CCA) of